



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

The Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements contains information about indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) that have been accepted for registration.

Registered ILUAs are a type of contract between native title holders and other parties. They bind all parties and all native title holders to the terms of the agreement.

Under the Native Title Act, the Registrar is responsible for maintaining the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements and must enter the following details:

- a description of the area covered by the agreement
- the name of each party to the agreement and the address at which the party can be contacted
- if the agreement specifies the period during which it will operate — that period
- if the agreement includes any statements regarding extinguishment, the validation or doing of future acts, contracting out of the right to negotiate provisions of the NTA, or changing the effect of intermediate period acts on native title — a reference to that fact, setting out any such statements.

The Registrar may also enter any other details of the agreement that are considered appropriate. However, because ILUAs are a type of commercial contract, there are issues of confidentiality and only limited information is kept on the register.

Under certain circumstances, the Registrar must also remove details of an agreement from the Register, for example when parties advise the Registrar that they wish to terminate the agreement.

You can find summary information about all registered ILUAs on the Tribunal's website (www.nntt.gov.au) under the 'Indigenous land use agreements' section.

To find out whether an area of land or water is affected by an ILUA, you can request the Tribunal to search the register. A charge may be associated with this service. The Tribunal is currently examining the legal and technical issues that need to be addressed in order to provide online access to the ILUA Register.